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Sir:

This is in response to the official [final] action dated December 1, 2004, wherein the pending claims were rejected pursuant to 35 U.S.C. §112, first paragraph. The applicants respectfully traverse in view of the following amendments and remarks.

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